to our principles and doctrines. As long as you were under the influence of annual meeting power we could overlook your actions because we believed you were not free to act as you preferred, but since you are no longer controlled by its decrees and are bold to write what you believe to be the principles of the Gospel we know that you too have the liberty to act towards us in accordance with its teachings.

We hold the same faith in every particular, as far as the teachings of the Gospel is concerned, and your articles abundantly prove that we have about the same view concerning that book called the Minutes of annual meeting. You are determined to use our name, and want to be known as Brethren and we only ask you to treat us like one Christian treats another, or tell us what we have done to merit the treatment which you as a Christian journal are giving us. Your example is followed by hundreds of your brethren, and you should for their sakes, as well as your own and ours, consider well, whether your course is becoming the course of a Christian journal.

If we have done aught that has been a violation of Christian principle we are willing to make amends as far as we have power to do so, but we certainly think it is unfair and unreasonable, as well as unscriptural, that we should be held in avoidance without being informed of the cause. If you think your course toward us is warranted by the Gospel of Christ then we will be pleased to hear you declare it. If you make no such declaration, we will accept your silence as evidence that you have no justification to offer for your course, and will expect you to change to something more consistent and scriptural.

BEHOLD GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF CREEDS.

Rev. Dr. Kennear, of Latterkenny, Ireland, has just completed a series of 220 lectures to his church, on the Westminster Standards—the course having been commenced in 1876.—Just think of it—eight years lecturing to explain a creed. And this is nothing remarkable either. Creeds are generally the hardest thing in the world to understand. We know a creed that contains 108 chapters, some longer, and some shorter; much of the matter contained in it is explanatory of itself, and taken as a whole it is a perfect babel of incongruities and contradictions. Yet the church that has this creed insists that no church can be successfully governed without something of the kind, and is ready to expel all who insist that the gospel alone is better. It is claimed by the advocates of creeds that the Gospel is not plain enough for ordinary people and that of course, the creed, will make it plainer; but we never saw a creed yet, that did not take much more explaining to harmonize it with the word of God and with itself than was necessary in the preaching of the Gospel. If the learned doctor above referred to would have spent those eight years in feeding his congregation on the sincere milk of the word, they would have been the gainers in spiritual knowledge and fruitfulness. We are satisfied that the gospel alone is better than any creed and that the time spent in making a creed followed as it needs must be by long explanations thereof and much misunderstandings therefrom is all time and money worse than wasted. It is a species of folly that originates in pride and egotism of those who frame the creeds, because they are not willing to trust the explanation of Scriptures to their compeers or successors, and seek to establish and perpetuate their own opinions for present and future time. That is about all there is of a creed. We have no use or room for the rubbish.

A BIGOT'S BLINDNESS.

Bishop Rosencrantz in an article denouncing the Republican candidate for president because he left the faith of his Catholic mother and became a Protestant says, "I never found much reason to trust a man who denies the religion in which he was educated."

Well, that is the opinion of a Catholic Bishop. For our part we have never found much reason to trust a man who had not the *manhood* to renounce the religion in which he was educated after he once found it to be false. We suppose the Bishop according to his own declaration could not trust the honesty of Moses, Abraham, John the Baptist, or the Apostle Paul, and other equally eminent personages who found occasion to forsake the religion in which they were educated. The bishop to be consistent with his teachings should not encourage his church to send missionaries to proselyte Pagans, Mahommedans, Jews or Protestants, as their abandonment of the religion in which they were educated for another, would only be an evidence of dishonesty and untrustworthiness. Such language; as the above by Bishop Rosencrantz, is but the silly simperings of sectarian bigotry.

A Society for the suppression of vice has recently been organized in San Francisco. It is modeled after similar societies long since organized in eastern cities with good effect.

Our reports from the German Baptist Elder's council held at Maple Grove, Ohio, last Saturday, are somewhat meagre; but we glean the following which we believe to be facts. Some time ago, the Maple Grove church—which has two official heads or bishops—held a communion meeting, at which some sisters communed who had been transgressing annual meeting laws. They were admitted to the communion privilege against the urgent protest of one of the bishops and some of the members, who withdrew from communion after they found that their protest was not heeded. Afterward this dissatisfied bishop called in the adjoining elders and instituted proceedings against his co-bishop, for disregarding the decisions of annual meeting on the vital and all absorbing "Female hat" question. The adjoining elders, however, included the notorious leader of the progresso-conservative element of Northeastern Ohio, of expelling committee fame, and he, somehow, influenced the court to render judgment adverse to the law. The loyal to annual meeting-bishop next called another court, composed as he supposed, of bishops possessing more wisdom, and greater loyalty to the law of the church, before which court, he not only arraigned his Co-bishop, but also the adjoining elders of the first court. This was the council in session last Saturday. We have only heard that the proceedings were *quashed* on account of *illegality*. The moral of which is, that the decisions of the German Baptist annual meeting can be regularly and persistently *violated* by the progresso-conservative leaders in Northeastern Ohio, but when their doings are called in question the *arraignment* must be drawn up in accordance with the *strictest letter of the rules*.

We are thankful that we can enjoy the blessings of peace and prosperity amidst scenes of confusion over eldercraft, councils and creeds, that is raging around us. We feel to praise the Lord that our battles have been fought and the victory won. Let us go on towards perfection.

Editorial Miscellany.

Brother R. Z. Replogle, we are sorry to learn, is sick with typhoid fever.

Brother Bashor preached a dedicatory sermon at Tiosa, Indiana, last Sunday.

See brother Brown's report of the Fair Haven meetings and be convinced of our integrity.

Brother Murr is holding a series of meetings at the Bear Creek church, Montgomery county, O.

Brother W. S. Spanogle expects to commence meetings at Conemaugh, Pa., on the 27th instant.

We have on the hook for next week a sermon by Elder J. P. Hetric which our readers will read with interest.

Brother William Kieffer lodged at the Boarding Hall Monday night. He stopped on his way to Fulton, and Williams counties.

Brother Mallott and brother S. Deffenbaugh gave this office a call Tuesday morning. Brother Deffenbaugh brought his son with him to attend College.

Elder J. H. Swihart has been having a successful mission through Iowa, lately. We hope he will tell the EVANGELIST readers all about it before he forgets about it.

If Mrs. Lizzie Pierce of Matamora, Franklin county, Indiana, will send us her maiden name and former address we will send her the EVANGELIST as desired.

Henry Ward Beecher, once a noted preacher from Brooklyn, has taken the stump in favor of ——, an equally noted candidate for President. Poor Beecher.—

E. L. Yoder expects to preach at the Fair Haven meeting house next Sunday morning at 10:30, a. m., and at Blochers school house, same church, Sunday evening.

Elder William Kieffer expects to break the bread of life to the brethren in Williams county, Ohio, at their lovefeast in the Silver Creek church, next Saturday and Sunday.

We are happy to notice that brother J. L. Wineland, of Clover Creek, Pa., has recovered from his long siege of sickness and was once more permitted to enjoy a communion occasion.

The weather is fine, the skies are fair, and everything looks lovely, as the new students are coming in for the second fall term of Ashland college. The prospects are as fine as the weather.

We have among our exchanges a political paper which is a true type of conservatism. It has a patent inside which is Democratic, and its outside is Republican. It claims to be Independent.

Next week we expect to publish an article from the *Gospel Messenger* by Elder James Quinter favoring musical instruments as "household furniture." We may append a few of our own remarks.

The man who is richer than Vanderbilt is the Chinese banker Han Qua, of Canton. His wealth is valued at about $1,400,000,000. Yet the poorest beggar may be richer than both in the hour of death.

Miss Carrie Welton, the lady whose sad death upon Long's Peak, attracted so much attention a few weeks ago, has left her entire fortune amounting to over $200,000, to the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

We occasionally have calls at this office for the addresses of certain ones of our ministers. We publish an Annual containing minister's names and addresses, along with much other useful and instructive matter. Price 20 cts. a copy.

Mr. Stanly has traveled 1,400 miles in Central Africa and the only weapon he carried was an old umbrella. And yet there are some people who think they cannot safely travel through a Christian country without carrying a revolver.

The election in Ohio has gone in favor of the Republicans, by majorities ranging from ten to fifteen thousand. The whiskey ring made a strong effort to defeat Judge Johnson, but this was set off by the prohibition vote and he was elected with the rest of the ticket.

The Afghan War cost Great Britain as much as would maintain eight hundred missionaries eighty years, or as much as the entire sum now expended in missionary labor. It would seem from this that the British are more liberal in giving means to kill bodies than to save souls.

Read brother Binkley's article on another page, and notice the demands made on the church for Elders to work up the Brethren cause in Indiana. Such calls come to this office from various parts of the church, and argues in favor of a more thorough organization and systematic work.

Brother P. J. Brown started for Pennsylvania on the 15th and will not return until the 28th instant. He expects to attend lovefeasts in Clarion, Cowenshannock, Glade Run, Brushvalley and Johnstown. We bespeak an enjoyable trip for him and a pleasant time for those whom he visits.

According to the Christian Cynosure a Methodist preacher and a school teacher led the Masonic mob which assaulted Mr. Starry at Dunlap, Kansas a few weeks ago. Eggs, stones and pistols were the weapons used by these chivalrous (?) knights in silencing the man who dared to speak against secretism.

Brother J. C. Ewing, author of the Hymnody, has been rusticating near Benton, Holmes county, Ohio, for some time, but his address will be at Martinsburg, Pa., until further notice. He will stop at Johnstown for a few days, and he has promised to send us long lists of subscribers for the EVANGELIST. Treat him kindly, brethren.

"Brother Allen says that the *Guide* "will unflinchingly oppose, as it ever has, the extreme of 'fogeyism,' so called, on the one hand, and progressiveness, so called on the other." We would not like to take that position, for God says: Because you are neither cold or hot, but lukewarm, I will spew you out of my mouth!"—*American Christian Review.*

The children of the Indian Territory are better protected than the children in any portion of the United States, because the Indians have the power, and do keep distillers, and brewers, and saloon men out of the territory. The Indian child of the territory will grow up in the belief that drunkard making is a crime, and they will then have attained to a higher stage of civilization than has been reached by many whites.

The Mormons are having a troubler among them in the person of one Scott Anderson who has found more corruption, hypocriay and sensuality than he could stand and has been bold and fearless in denouncing it. He has been giving them much trouble and they will likely cast him out as a "heathen man and publican." A new judge has also been appointed who seems determined to enforce the Edmund's bill which is also giving them some annoyance.

Father Curci, a priest in the Roman Catholic church lately became convinced that the church was spiritual in its character, and wrote two books on the subject in which he denied that the temporal power was neccessary or desirable. This was looked upon by the Pope as being heresy, and the discipline of the church was brought to bear upon the conscientious priest. He was at first abused and denounced, then he was ostracized and reduced to penury. Finding that he still insisted on opposing the church he was pronounced *obstinate*, and was written to by the Pope and threatened. This had the desired effect on the poor priest and caused him to recant and beg for mercy from the Pope. It is reported that there was great joy in Rome over the recantation and that the "Holy Father is particularly delighted."

What a spectacle for the Christianity of the nineteenth century for a man to thus lay his conscience at the foot of the Papel throne. Away with Pope, council or creed, that would thus debase the manhood of any of God's children.

GODEY'S LADY BOOK (J. H. Haulenbeek & Co., Phila.) for November has made a sensation in literary circles, being by common consent the finest number of the book that has ever been published. The frontispiece a fine steel engraving of "The Morning Call," represents a pretty child asleep in bed while a saucy, inquisitive little dog peers into her face, wondering at her silence. The picture is a very striking one, well worth framing, and stands as an illustration of a poem by Dorothy Holroyd. The colored plates this month are unusually fine. In addition to the usual designs, there are some beautiful prints of silk applique work, and a cut showing the interior of an elegant dining-room. GODEY'S has always been up to par, but this month it excels itself. All of the serials are carried forward with absorbing interest, and the whole tenor of the book is such as to show that the publishers are determined to outshine brightest luminaries in the literary constellation. They advertise a $200 prize story that will shortly appear, and also allow their subscribers full-size Cut Paper patterns of their own selection without extra charge. Now is the time to subscribe, price $2 00, which entitles each one to a steel engraving for framing.

When the the tide is at the full it turns. Our educational methods have been growing in system and severity, if not in perfection, for many years; and the demands upon the pupil have constantly increased, until the necessities for grading have become imperative, and the peculiarities of the individual are almost entirely ignored. It would seem impossible to carry this further, and any change must now be in some other direction. At this crisis one of the brightest and most fearless of American authors comes forward with a strong argument against the whole system, a protest against the grading and cramming that take so much of the vitality out of the education we are giving to the rising generation. Edward Everett Hale, in the November number of the *North American Review* makes a plea for "Half Time in Schools," which every parent and every school board ought to consider seriously. The old question, "Where are we, and where drifting?" was never more forcibly suggested than by another article in the same number, that in which Prof. Gilleam discusses the "African Problem." The facts that he gives as to the increase of the negroes in the United States, their peculiar situation and disposition, and the problem they will force upon us in the near future, call for the gravest consideration. The other article in this number are; "Woman as a Political Factor," by Judge Robert C. Pitman: "Progress in Naval Armament," by Hobart Pasha, who thinks the United states Government has been wise in not constructing a costly navy; "Friendship in Ancient Poetry," by Principal J. C. Shairp; "Herbert Spencer's Latest Critic," by Prof. E. L. Youmans; "Over-Illustration," by Charles T. Congdon; and "Restriction of the Suffrage" by William L. Scruggs.

Correspondence.

Announcements.

The Brethren of Silver Creek church expect to hold a lovefeast on October 25th, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m. A general invitation is given to all who may wish to be present.

A. K. BROWN.

Ainger, Ohio.

DEAR BRETHREN: We will have our lovefeast on Saturday, Nov. 1st, and would be glad to have some help. We have not been reconstructed yet, and have no elder. If some one would come to our feast and give us the necessary aid it would be a great help to the cause of Christ at this place. Any one who thinks of coming can consult me.

C. E. GLENN.

Terra Alta, W. Va.

DEAR EVANGELIST: Please give notice through your paper that the Brethren of the Fairview church will hold a lovefeast Saturday, October 25, 1884. All are invited.

J. M. MURRAY.

Aleppo, Greene county, Pa.

DEAR BRETHREN: Please announce through the EVANGELIST that the Brethren of the Somerset district, Somerset county, Pa., will hold their communion on the 2nd of November. All are invited.

SADIE E. TRENT.

Snyder, Pa., Oct. 19.

Make God your refuge; commit your cause to him and all will be well.

If by losing anything we gain wisdom, we are gainers by the loss.

Married.

GARVER—OSWALD: By Elder William Keiffer, at his residence, Oct. 17th, 1884, Miss KATIE GARVER, of Lattisburg, to Mr. WILLIAM OSWALD, of Cansan township, Wayne county, Ohio.